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Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Minister of Natural Resources of the Government of India, Mr. H. D. Malaviya, is planning to attend the International Geological Congress in Mexico City, September 4-11. The American Embassy in New Delhi has recommended, and the Department strongly concurs, that Mr. Malaviya be invited by the United States Government to visit this country after the Congress and observe mineral and petroleum installations successfully and profitably in operation under private United States enterprise.

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The policy of the Government of India in regard to public versus private development of mineral and petroleum resources is now in a fluid state. Mr. Malaviya is in a key position to influence his country's policy, and it seems highly likely that the proposed visit would have an effect on his thinking beneficial to United States interests in India. The importance of this is underscored both by the fact that U.S. petroleum firms with interests in India have evinced some concern over developments there, and by the fact that a delegation of petroleum engineers from USSR have recently been in India to advise on petroleum development and assistance which might be forthcoming from USSR.

Minister Malaviya is of cabinet rank. To achieve our purpose it is essential that the accommodations provided him during the proposed visit be commensurate with his position. Although the Department's International Educational Exchange Service would award leader grants to Mr. Malaviya and Dr. M.S. Krishnan, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources, who will be with him, it is clear that the \$12 per diem is not sufficient. I feel that an additional sum of \$3,500 is necessary to assure the success of the visit. This would be used to cover the fees and expenses, estimated at \$2,260, of a private petroleum consultant to accompany the party for the 30-day period and provide a fund of \$1,240 to assure facilities throughout Mr. Malaviya's visit which are appropriate to an individual of his rank and his importance to the U.S. Government. The prompt provision of the needed sum by CIA would make possible the extension of the invitation to Mr. Malaviya.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Murphy*  
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Deputy Under Secretary

The Honorable  
Allen Dulles,  
Director of  
Central Intelligence.

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